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Dear County Board Members:

This past year was once again filled with many high profile cases. Of great significance, we have seen a more than 50% increase in drug referrals and prosecutions when compared to 2011. This office successfully prosecuted three defendants from Cambridge who possessed over 350 pounds of marijuana and were readying the marijuana for sale at their residence directly across from the Cambridge High School. Our office also prosecuted another defendant who possessed more than 2½ pounds of cocaine. Our county has also seen an increase in arrests for Possession of Heroin and we have unfortunately had three recent deaths in our county that were linked to heroin deliveries and subsequent fatal overdoses.

As in past years, 2012 brought with it more arrests and convictions of offenders who use computers and cell phones to solicit children to engage in sexual activity with them. Many of these investigations involve undercover officers posing as young children; however, we have also seen more cases where these types of offenders come to Jefferson County fully intending to engage in sexual activity with real children. These types of cases are zealously investigated by law enforcement and vigorously prosecuted by this office.

Finally, as you can see from pages three and four of the Annual Report, referrals for criminal OWI offenses and domestic offenses remain steady, as do our First Offender participants. Continuing our good work in these difficult economic times remains challenging, but it is a challenge I take on willingly.

I will continue to work with legislators, law enforcement, County Board members and citizens to make Jefferson County a better, safer place to live. It has been an honor to serve as your District Attorney and I look forward to continuing to work together with all of you in 2013.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Happ".

Susan Happ
District Attorney

**2012 ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
JEFFERSON COUNTY DISTRICT
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**



The office of the District Attorney is created under Chapter 978 of the Wisconsin Statutes. The department represents the people of the State of Wisconsin and County of Jefferson in the courts. The District Attorney and staff prosecute state criminal matters, forfeiture actions, and state and county traffic code and ordinance violations. Department of Natural Resources violations and juvenile cases. The District Attorney also provides education to law enforcement through yearly inservice training.

The District Attorney oversees the First Offender Program, which diverts defendants out of the formal court process. The First Offender Program Director meets with individual offenders and develops a personalized contract. The length and conditions of the contract depend on the nature and seriousness of the offense, his or her adjustment, treatment needs and need for supervision. The First Offender Program Director then monitors the offender to assure that he or she is following through on their contract conditions.

The District Attorney also operates the Victim/Witness Program which provides statutory and constitutionally mandated support to victims and witnesses of crime. The primary purpose of the Victim/Witness program is to provide information, referral and support to citizens and law enforcement officers who have been victims or witnesses to crimes, and to ensure that the services mandated under Chapter 950, Wisconsin Statutes, are made available to them.

The District Attorney's office consists of 1 District Attorney and 4.2 Assistant District Attorney's who are state employees. County employees include the Office Manager, Justice Information Sharing Coordinator, 6.5 legal secretaries, Victim/Witness Coordinator, .5 Victim/Witness Secretary, paralegal and First Offender Program Director.

REFERRALS

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Felonies	551	534	633
Misdemeanors	956	869	971
Delinquencies	283	271	270
JIPS (Juvenile In Need of Protection or Services)	51	42	31
CHIPS (Child in Need of Protection or Services)	332	392	255
Juvenile FO's (Immunizations)	2	2	0
Juvenile Guardianships	0	0	4
Criminal Traffic	475	465	519

FILINGS

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Felonies	375	399	464
Misdemeanors	537	611	630
Criminal Traffic	464	469	496
Forfeiture Traffic	513	461	512
Other Forfeitures	94	89	63
Civil	15	5	16
Delinquencies & JIPS	123	102	86
CHIPS	58	83	75
Juvenile Forfeitures	2	3	0
Juvenile Guardianships	0	0	2

Domestic Referrals

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Misdemeanor and Felony	470	425	430

Criminal OWI Referrals

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Misdemeanor OWI (criminal traffic)	234	161	163
Felony OWI	27	46	33

Drug Referrals

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Misdemeanor and Felony	138	139	222

FIRST OFFENDER PROGRAM

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Persons Accepted	123	104	116
Persons in program as of end of year	90	113	234
Persons who completed program	105	82	94
Fees collected	\$40,556.00	\$40,451.73	\$ 37,261.00

VICTIM/WITNESS PROGRAM

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
All Contacts	3450	2552	3,600
Witness Cancellations	1567	1720	1,701
Officer Cancellations	1997	2016	2,252

Officer cancellations result in less overtime paid by departments and witness fees paid by the county.